



# Safety Equipment Changes

## Marine Safety



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## Safety Equipment Requirements

**REGISTRABLE VESSEL:** Vessels including sailing vessels that are or can be propelled by mechanical power.

**NON-REGISTRABLE VESSEL:** Sailboards, kiteboards, windsurfers, paddle craft, tenders and sailing dinghies.

	PROTECTED WATERS Includes rivers, lakes, estuaries, harbours and waters within 400 metres from the shore in unprotected waters but excludes Cambridge Gulf and Lake Argyle.		UNPROTECTED WATERS Beyond 400 metres from the shore.	
	Registrable Vessels	Non-registrable Vessels	Registrable Vessels	Non-registrable Vessels
<b>Recreational Skipper's Ticket (RST)</b> The skipper of a recreational vessel, powered by a motor greater than 6 horsepower must hold an RST.	✓	<b>NOT REQUIRED</b>	✓	<b>NOT REQUIRED</b>
<b>Lifejacket Carriage</b> A lifejacket, as indicated in the table opposite, must be carried for every person on board.	Vessels smaller than 4.8 metres	✓ Minimum Level 100 <b>MUST BE CARRIED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE WORN</b>
	Vessels 4.8 metres and larger	✓ Minimum Level 100 <b>MUST BE CARRIED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE CARRIED</b>
<b>Lifejacket Wearing</b> As indicated in the table opposite.	Children older than one and younger than 12	✓ Minimum Level 100 <b>MUST BE CARRIED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE WORN</b>
	Personal Water Craft	✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE WORN</b>		✓ Minimum Level 50S <b>MUST BE WORN</b>
<b>Distress Beacon (in-date)</b> A GPS enabled 406 MHz EPIRB <b>OR</b> if worn by at least one person, a GPS enabled PLB. Distress beacons must be in-date and registered with AMSA.		<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓
<b>Red and Orange Flares (in-date)</b> At least two hand held red flares and two hand held orange flares must be carried. <b>OR</b> <b>Electronic Visual Distress Signal (EVDS)</b> An electronic signalling device may be carried in lieu of flares <b>IF</b> a GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn) is also carried.		<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	✓
<b>Marine Radio</b> A VHF or HF marine radio on any Registrable Vessel when operating <b>more than 4 nautical miles</b> from shore in unprotected waters.		<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>REQUIRED</b> beyond 4 nautical miles <b>RECOMMENDED</b> within 4 nautical miles
<b>Recommended Additional Safety Equipment</b> It is recommended an anchor and line, a fire extinguisher and a means of removing water be carried.		<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>

**New requirements now apply for safety equipment on recreational vessels in WA.**

For more information visit [www.transport.wa.gov.au/imatearine/safety-equipment-review.asp](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/imatearine/safety-equipment-review.asp)

**Vessel length**

The length of a vessel will no longer determine how far from the shore it can travel.

Even when carrying the mandated safety equipment, it is the responsibility of the skipper to determine how far from shore they can operate safely.

The length of a vessel should not be the primary consideration. Weather conditions, capability of the vessel and the ability of the skipper should be.

**Areas for vessel use**

**Protected waters**

Includes rivers, lakes, estuaries, harbours and waters within 400 metres from the shore in unproteted waters but excludes the Cambridge Gulf and Lake Argyle.

**Unprotected waters**

Beyond 400 metres from the shore.



**Kiteboards/Windsurfers**

**When operating beyond 400 metres from the shore in unproteted waters:**

**Required:**

- ✓ lifejackets (must be worn, minimum level 50S)
- ✓ GPS enabled EPIRB or wearing a PLB
- ✓ flares or EVDS



	PROTECTED WATERS	UNPROTECTED WATERS
Lifejacket Carriage	—	✓ Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN
Distress Beacon	—	✓
Red and Orange Flares (in-date) OR Electronic Visual Distress Signals	—	✓

*See main matrix for more details on the other side of this brochure.*

**Paddle Craft/Tenders/Sailing Dinghies**

**When operating beyond 400 metres from the shore in unproteted waters:**

**Required:**

- ✓ lifejackets (must be worn, one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 50S)
- ✓ GPS enabled EPIRB or wearing a PLB
- ✓ flares or EVDS



	PROTECTED WATERS	UNPROTECTED WATERS
Lifejacket Carriage	—	✓ Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN
Distress Beacon	—	✓
Red and Orange Flares (in-date) OR Electronic Visual Distress Signals	—	✓

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**Registrable vessels smaller than 4.8 metres**

**When operating within protected waters or up to 400 metres from the shore in unproteted waters:**

**Required:**

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 100)

**When operating beyond 400 metres from shore in unproteted waters:**

**Required:**

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (must be worn, one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 100)
- ✓ GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn)
- ✓ flares or EVDS
- ✓ marine radio (beyond 4 nautical miles)



	PROTECTED WATERS	UNPROTECTED WATERS
Recreational Skipper's Ticket	✓	✓
Lifejacket	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE WORN
Distress Beacon OR PLB - MUST BE WORN	—	✓
Red and Orange Flares (in-date) OR Electronic Visual Distress Signals	—	✓
Marine Radio	—	<b>REQUIRED</b> beyond 4 nautical miles

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**Registrable vessels 4.8 metres and larger**

**When operating within protected waters or up to 400 metres from the shore in unproteted waters:**

**Required:**

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 100)

**When operating beyond 400 metres from shore in unproteted waters:**

**Required:**

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (one suitable for each person on board and worn by children aged one to 12 years when above deck, minimum level 100)
- ✓ GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn)
- ✓ flares or EVDS
- ✓ marine radio (beyond 4 nautical miles)



	PROTECTED WATERS	UNPROTECTED WATERS
Recreational Skipper's Ticket	✓	✓
Lifejacket	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED	✓ Minimum Level 100 MUST BE CARRIED <i>Must be worn by children older than one &amp; younger than 12</i>
Distress Beacon OR PLB - MUST BE WORN	—	✓
Red and Orange Flares (in-date) OR Electronic Visual Distress Signals	—	✓
Marine Radio	—	<b>REQUIRED</b> beyond 4 nautical miles

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**Personal water craft (PWC)**

**When operating within protected waters or up to 400 metres from the shore in unproteted waters:**

**Required:**

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (must be worn, one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 50S)

**When operating beyond 400 metres from the shore in unproteted waters:**

**Required:**

- ✓ a RST
- ✓ lifejackets (must be worn, one suitable for each person on board, minimum level 50S)
- ✓ GPS enabled EPIRB or PLB (must be worn)
- ✓ flares or EVDS
- ✓ marine radio (beyond 4 nautical miles)



	PROTECTED WATERS	UNPROTECTED WATERS
Recreational Skipper's Ticket	✓	✓
Lifejacket	✓ Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN	✓ Minimum Level 50S MUST BE WORN
Distress Beacon OR PLB - MUST BE WORN	—	✓
Red and Orange Flares (in-date) OR Electronic Visual Distress Signals	—	✓
Marine Radio	—	<b>REQUIRED</b> beyond 4 nautical miles

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